

### **3. Purpose of the Study**

The purpose of this study is to establish cut-off points for the placement of first year students at PSU (Hat Yai) in required English courses. To arrive at a basis for the determination of these cut-off points, it was necessary that the study addressed the following preliminary questions:

1. Are there correlations between students' EEE scores and their scores in FE courses?
2. What is the distribution of the students' EEE scores and their grades in FE courses?

The answer to the first question would suggest whether EEE scores could be used as a tool for placement purposes. The second question would lead to a description of the relationship between students' EEE scores and their grades in FE courses. It is hoped that such information would be useful for establishing the cut-off points for the placement of first year students in appropriate required English courses at the university.